Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. Balakrisha Menon *(Cherutharuthi)*: How long would it take to complete the consideration?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: It is likely to reach a decision very soon. The present idea is to watch the discussion of the Council.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Why was the Act not allowed to be brought into force now?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: It was kept in abeyance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: For what period?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: The period has not been fixed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it not for the duration of the War? Has the War ended?

Mr. President: The War is not officially concluded.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You can decide it, Sir.

Mr. President: You cannot have it from me.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS—REVISION OF GRADE

471. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin-Christians, Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the previous services of a Primary teacher will be counted for giving salary at the New Grade of Rs. 20-1-30-2-40;

(*b*) whether any orders have been passed in the matter?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) and (*b*) The question is being considered by Government and orders will be issued in due course.

Mr. C. S. Panicker *(Adur)*: To what extent has the consideration progressed?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: Reports have been called for. As soon as they are received the pay will be counted on the basis of the length of service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the answer is not prepared before orders on the Code Revision Committee report are passed?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: I have explained the present position to the House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the proposals of the Code Revision Committee have been accepted in toto by the Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: It has already been published in the Gazette.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, my question is whether the recommendations of the Code Revision Committee have been accepted by the Government in toto? Do You mean all the recommendations have been accepted?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: That has already been published.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member should answer to the question.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secratary to Government)*: It has not been accepted in toto.

KOLE COMMITTEE

472. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) does a Kole Committee exist now;

(*b*) in what matters do Government consult this Committee?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) It is understood on enquiry that it exists now.

(*b*) The Kole Committee is a purely non-official organisation formed by the Kole owners themselves. Government do not generally consult this Committee in any matter.

PORINGALKUTHU HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

473. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Poringalkuthu Hydro-Electric project investigated;

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(*b*) who conducted the investigation ;
(*c*) was any report submitted ;
(*d*) if so, when ;
(*e*) does the investigation prove that the scheme is successful ;
(*f*) if so, what was the delay to take up the scheme for execution ;
(*g*) do the Government intend to execute the work during the post-war period ;
(*h*) how long will it take to complete the works ;
(*i*) in the meanwhile what arrangements do Government propose to make for the supply of electric power in sufficient quantity at cheap rate necesaary for industrial expansion ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) to (*d*) The scheme was surveyed and investigated in detail by the Public Works Department. This detailed scheme was then very closely gone into and after some modification put up as final by Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Consulting Engineers, West-minister in 1932.

(*e*) Yes:
(*f*) The war was holding up the scheme.
(*g*) Yes.
(*h*) Three years from the date of commencement of work.
(*i*) Hydro-Electric power as far as available is now purchased and distributed in areas like Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Harbour and Chittur. Action is taken to increase the quota of Hydro-Electric power now received from Travancore and Madras. The construction of a 66 K. V. transmission line for taking Pallivasal power to Trichur is in progress.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* May I know, Sir. if the investigation and survey was completed in 1932 what was the reason for the delay so far ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter was under consideration and in the meanwhile it was thought better to start on the Hydro-Electric Scheme after the development of the roads in the main centres in Cochin. So we started on Thermal Stations both in Trichur and Ernakulam. We are now developing the road and now it is time to take up the work for the Hydro-Electric Scheme.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Do not the Government realise that if the scheme is carried out, power can be supplied at cheaper rates ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As a matter of fact, the rates for industrial purposes which had been adopted in the two towns of Trichur and Ernakulam are almost the same as of the Hydro-Electric power which is supplied in Coimbatore. In fact these companies were making a slight loss. For this purpose it was given at a higher rate for lighting purpose so that they may be able to balance their expenditure.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* At what rate is the electric current from Travancore sold ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For industrial purposes we are giving power at a rate which diminishes in accordance with the power consumed. It is not a definite rate. It is a graded rate. The Company that takes 500 Kw. for commercial purposes at an overhaul rate which is a little more than 6 per cent.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* What is the rate for lighting purpose ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is 5 to 6 annas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In answer to sub-division (*f*) the Hon'ble Member answered "the war was holding up the scheme". The war started only in 1939, Sir. If the investigation was successfully conducted what was the reason in taking up the scheme before the war ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At the time when the Thermal Stations were put it was thought necessary to develop the load in the country before embarking very large expenditure on Hydro-Electric power. So we postponed the Hydro-Electric Scheme on that account. And when the loads were developed by 1939 and we thought to introduce Hydro-Electric Scheme the war broke out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will actually take up the work so far as this work is concerned ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The scheme has been again looked into by Sir Henry Howard and he has submitted a very useful report on this line. And now we are taking the question of actual construction.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have placed any orders for the plants etc. ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. A priority list has been submitted to the Government of India.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will it be completed in 3 years ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. It will be completed in full 3 years once it is taken up.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Has the preliminary work connected with the scheme begun ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. The foundation was started, and the final survey for the reservoir is nearing completion. A Special Officer is appointed for the work.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezuhvas-Kanayannur):* In what time will it be over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindshaka Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In 2 or 3 months it will be over, by January next year or December this year.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* May I know, Sir, whether the Pallivasal or Poringalkuthu Scheme was investigated first?

Mr. V. K. Aravindhaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

ST. SEBASTIAN HIGH SCHOOL, PALLURUTHI

474. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to answers "C" and "D" of Question No. 229 during Budget Session dated 11th August 1945.

(*a*) what made the Government to come to the conclusion that St. Sebastian High School, Palluruthy did not come within the purview of Answers "C" and "D" in the years 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) In comparing H. E. H. M. M. H. School, Mattancheri and other such schools with St. Seb. H. School, Palluruthy, had the Government been satisfied that the Managers of H. E. H. M. M. H. S. and others were deserving and in dire necessity of the lump sum grants than the Manager of St. Seb. H. S., Palluruthy in the years 1119 and 1120;

(c) Does the Government know or is aware of the financial position at least of the two managements namely H. E. H. M. M. H. S., Mattancheri and St. Seb. H. S., Palluruthy ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) A lump sum grant of Rs. 500 was paid to the U. S. Department of St. Seb. H. S., Palluruthy in 1118. This was given because that department was unaided, and that department had to suffer in strength due to the evacuation that took place in Mattancheri and Ernakulan in the year 1118. The situation returned to normal in 1119 and hence there was no necessity to continue the grant.

Grants on similar grounds were given in the following two cases also in the year 1118.

1. S. H. H. S., Thevara — Rs. 1,000 (the whole school is unaided).
2. H. E. H. M. M. H. S., Mattancheri — Rs. 250 (the whole school receives only a lump sum grant of Rs. 750 a year.)

These two items were also stopped in 1119.

Besides the above, the S. R. K. G. H. S., Vilangans was given a lump grant of Rs. 1,000 in 1118, the whole school is unaided. It was receiving contributions and donations from Malaya. When Malaya fell into enemy hands these helps were stopped and hence the grant was sanctioned. This grant is still continued, because the management receives no help from Malaya even now.

(*b*) The Primary and L. S. Departments of St. Seb. H. S., Palluruthy are aided. The amount of grant that is paid for these two departments amounts approximately to Rs. 4,000 a year. S. H. H. S., Thevara is completely unaided and so also is S. R. K. G. H.S., Vilangans Only a lump grant of Rs. 750 is given to the H. E. H. M. M. H. S., Mattancheri for the whole school. Our Lady's C. G. H. S., Palluruthy gets only lump grant of Rs. 500 for the whole school and no additional amount was given to the school in 1118. In the case of S. H. C. G. H. S., Chalakkudy, St. Joseph's C. G. H. S., Trichur and St. Mary's C. G. H. S., Ernakulam their primary and L. S. Department are unaided a lump grant of Rs. 1,000 a year was given to the U. S. Department of each of the schools in view of the fact that these are Girls' schools and their

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